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1. A method comprising:

providing a first and a second fluid maintained separately from each other by a third fluid in a common, sealed vessel, wherein the third fluid is adjacent to and substantially immiscible with the first and second fluids, and wherein the first, second and third fluids are stored within the common, sealed vessel for at least one day;

unsealing the vessel;

transferring the first, third, and second fluids in series from the vessel to a reaction site;

allowing the first, third, and second fluids to contact a surface of the reaction site;

~~to carrying~~ out a predetermined chemical or biochemical reaction at the surface of the reaction site; and

avoiding substantial contact between the first and second fluids, at least until after the fluids have been applied to the reaction site.